

Yassemí

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$\text{♩} = c.92$

mp *mp* *Ped.*

9

p *Ped.*

16

Ped.

23

Ped.

The composer writes: 'Yassemí ("The Jasmine") is, in its original form, believed to be a traditional Greek love song. It appeared in a "phylada" (popular song leaflet) in Athens in 1906 and two versions of it were recorded in Constantinople in 1910. Probably introduced here in Cyprus by travelling musicians from Smyrna (in Asia Minor) or Constantinople early in the twentieth century, the song was included in Theodoros Kallirukos's collection *Kypríakí Laikí Mousí* ("Cypriot Popular Music", 1951). In the Cypriot version, whose melody forms the basis for my piece, the beloved girl is likened to a jasmine whose flowers emanate a beautiful aroma in the summer night.'

31

Ped.

37

Ped.

44

Ped.

51

Ped.

58

Ped.